

Features of a Conversation

Using conversation starters	How are you? Great weather What's new? Have you heard about...?	你好吗? 今天天气真好。 有事吗? 听说----
Expressing astonishment	What ! No ! You're kidding ! Are you having me on ? Really?	你说什么? 不。 你在开玩笑吗? 真的?
Expressing surprise	It's not true ! My God ! What's that ? What a surprise ! My goodness !	真的。 我的上帝。 那是什么? 太惊奇了! 天哪。
Reacting to show you are impressed	Not really! Well! That's crazy! That's incredible!	不是那样的。 那一 你疯了。 真不敢相信。/ 太不可思议了。
Incomplete sentences	I don't know ... perhaps ... But then ...	我不知道---。大概--/也许--/可能--- 可是---
Interruptions	No, but .. What was I saying ?	不对, 不对, 我说的是---
Expressing agreement	Yes, sure I totally agree Agreed You're quite right	当然了。 我完全同意。 我同意。 你说得很对。
Expressing disagreement	Not at all I don't agree with you That's where you are wrong	一点也不是那样的。 我不同意你说的。 你说的不对。
Expressing sympathy	You poor thing ! I totally understand Me too! I know exactly what it's like	太可怜了。 我非常理解。 我也是。 我深有同感。
Cutting in	Listen (to me) This is what we are going to do Stop Let me finish As I was saying	你听我说。 那正是我们要做的。 你停一下。 让我说完。 正/就像我说得那样。
Giving your opinion	I think I believe In my opinion	我想---- 我认为---- 我觉得---
Asking for more information	Can you explain a bit more How do you feel (about it)?	你可以/能在解释一下, 好吗? 你觉得怎么样?
Providing supportive feedback to the listener	Yes, yes Right OK	是, 是。 对, 对。 行。/可以。/ 好吧。

	That's right That's exactly right That's it! You've got it! Absolutely!	太对了。 正是那样。 没错。 你说太对了。
Seeking clarity	Can you repeat that please ? What do you mean (by that)? I don't understand Why? Sorry, I didn't follow Could you speak a bit louder / not so fast?	请再说一遍，好吗？ 你可以再说一遍吗？ 你的意思是--- 我不明白。 为什么？ 对不起，我没听懂。 请你说大声一点/慢一点。
Repeating back what you have understood	At 10.00pm? Do you mean tomorrow? You said next week didn't you?	十点吗？ 你是说明天吗？ 是下个星期吗？
Adding a question to seek confirmation	Isn't that so?	是吗？ / 不是吗？
Using fillers to allow you time to think during a pause	Um I mean Well, so Well That's to say	嗯。 我是说--。 就是说--。 我的意思是---
Using more informal language	the thing	我说— 我看--- / 我想-----
Using strategies to keep the conversation flowing	How about you? What do you think? Do you have any ideas? Is it the same for you? And in your country? / culture? What's it like?	你呢？ 你怎么想。 你有什么好主意？ 对你来说一样吗？ 那你的国家/文化？ 是怎么样的？ / 什么样的？
Referring back to something said earlier in the conversation	You said earlier But you said ... Like you said You told me that	你刚才说的。 但是/可是你说----。 像你说得那样。 你告诉我的。
Bringing a conversation to a close	I have to go Good talking to you Take care See you later / soon	我得/该走了。 很高兴跟你说 / 谈了这么久。 多保重。 / 慢走。 回见。 / 回头见。 / 一会见。